

FORM PTO-1449  <b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
	826.1611	09/612,288
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15	AG	0 953 932	11/1999	Europe	✓	X
15	AH	0 725 359	8/1996	Europe	✓	X
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15	AM	Patent Abstracts of Japan, No. 02 79184, Hitachi Ltd., Vol. 14, No. 274 dated June 13, 1990		
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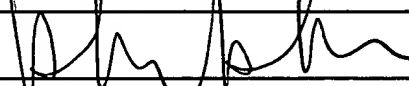
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<i>fw</i>	AE	Japanese Office Action dated March 30, 2004	6/7/04 <sup>x</sup>	
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